



Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church
Immanuel Lutheran School &
Children of Grace Preschool
20882 Walden Ave. Hutchinson, MN 55350

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 31, 2019

HYMN - 748 “Lamb of God” *(see insert)*

We follow the order of Morning Praise on page 45.

OPENING

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 12:1-6

¹ In that day you will say: “I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. ² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.”

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ In that day you will say: “Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. ⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

PSALM 32 on page 78

SECOND LESSON - 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰ Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to

Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength.

HYMN - 384 “By Grace I’m Saved”

GOSPEL - Luke 15:1-3,11-32

¹ Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him.

² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ¹¹ ...“There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

~~~Calendar of Events & Announcements~~~

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²⁸ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

³¹ “ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

RESPONSE

All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

HYMN - 304 “Jesus Sinners Does Receive”

SERMON - 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

“Be Confidently Christian”

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

OFFERING

LORD, HAVE MERCY on page 50.

LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN - 397 “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

Serving today:

Organist: Jane Vacek

Altar Guild: Wendy Hellwig **Elder:** Steve Plamann

Video: Mike Heine **Video:** Josh/Alex/Andy

Ushers: Brad Duesterhoeft, Justin Black, Katlin Davis, Danielle Olson, Tyler Olson, Lucas Plamann, Tom Schlueter, John Schlueter, Patrick Schlueter, Mya Gosse

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Monthly Calendar (under calendar) Weekly Bulletins (under service)

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Living in God’s Grace this Week

Today, Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
Monday:	7:00	p.m.	Choir
	8:00	p.m.	Bible Study at Immanuel
Tuesday:	2:00	p.m.	Bible Study at Grace
	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study at Grace
Wednesday:	2:00	p.m.	Service at Zion
	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
	6:00	p.m.	Supper Served by Fellowship Committee
Saturday	7:00	p.m.	Service at ILC
	8:00	p.m.	School Board Meeting
	9:00	a.m.	SPRING CLEANING – upstairs of Church
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service

Wednesday Service

April 3

2p Worship at Zion

6p Supper Served by the Fellowship Committee

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Salad, Chips and Dessert

7p Worship at Immanuel



Door offering for LWMS on Sunday

April 7th and April 14th

Thank you.



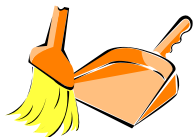
Easter Lilies: Anyone interested in purchasing an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the sheet in the entry way by April 7th. The cost is \$9. Please pay Betty Henke or (mailbox # 42) or Donna Telecky (mailbox #90).

McLeod County Food Shelf

The Ladies' Aid is assisting with a Food Shelf Drive for McLeod County. A box will be in the entry way thru Sunday, April 7. Donations collected during the months of March/April are eligible for additional grant funds. *Won't you please help!! Thank you*



Spring Cleaning!



Everyone's help is needed on **Saturday, April 6th** beginning at 9 a.m. as we give the Lord's house a good "Spring Cleaning". (Upstairs) If you can give one hour or two it will be greatly appreciated. The more who come to help the more we can accomplish. Come help us make God's house shine.

The check list is on the table in the entryway if you would like to come sometime during the week. Cleaning supplies are in the closet by the restrooms. *Thank you.*

Grace and St. Peter's churches are sponsoring a Passover Meal on Friday, April 12 starting at 6:30pm. Please RSVP by April 7th to Teresa from Grace at taross316@gmail.com, or 320-305-9262.



We will be hosting the **LWMS Spring Rally** on Saturday, April 27. Registration begins at

10:30 ~~8:30~~ AM. The theme is "Let Us Ever

Walk with Jesus in the Heartland". All congregation women are members of the LWMS and are encouraged to attend the rally. *Everyone welcome!*

Maundy Thursday Service

April 18 at 7 p.m.

Joint Service at Immanuel with Communion

Good Friday Services

April 19

9 a.m. at Zion

7 p.m. at Immanuel

Easter Sunday Services

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Immanuel

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast served at Immanuel

8:45 a.m. Service at Zion

10 a.m. Service at Immanuel



For some time the school board has been studying the possibility of building a new school. On Wednesday, February 27, a special meeting was held at school to discuss what has been learned. **TODAY** Sunday, March 31, Mr. Gephart will present a summary of that meeting to the congregation. Please plan to stay after church to hear the details and to help chart our course for the future. Your feedback is appreciated!



The school is in need of another caregiver for

Latchkey on alternate weeks Monday and

Wednesday mornings for the months of April and

May. If you are willing to help, please call Barbara DeVries 320-587-6138 or email devriesfamilyinbox@gmail.com or catch her after church. Thank you.

TEACHER CALL Our 1st – 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Kristi Utsch, received a divine call to teach 1st grade in Saint Joseph, Michigan. Please keep Mrs. Utsch and her family in your prayers as she deliberates this call as to where to best serve the Lord.



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Or you can also call a Customer Care Professional at 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say, "Thrivent Choice." Be sure to have your nine-digit Member Identification number available.

The school has a variety of fundraising options to help the school with various activities....won't you help?

SCRIP A current list of the gift cards available thru the school is posted on the bulletin board. You pay the face value of the card and the school receives the % listed. We also carry Cash wise/Coborns (\$25, \$50, \$100) which does not show on this list. The money earned provides your children with their field trips throughout the year. Remember the cards are available all year long. Thank you for your support of our School and Pre School. *Karen Kohls*

- Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool are selling **\$20 discount cards**
- **Kwik Trip - Milk Moola**
- **General Mills - BoxTops**
- **Country Hearth - Loaves4Learning**
- **Ink Cartridges** – There is a collection box in the entryway.
- **School Mall Fundraiser** - www.SchoolMall.com
- **Amazon Fundraiser** - www.smile.amazon.com
- **Cash Wise Points**– enroll at www.cashwise.com



A complete listing with details is on the table in the entry way by the school display. Thank you for your help.



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